Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM)

1. **Identification**: friends, family members, or others seek help when concerned about someone in distress/threatening violence.

2. **Evaluation**: Threat assessment team evaluates the seriousness of the threat.

3. **Intervention**: The team initiates assistance to address the underlying problem, conflict or need. In the most serious cases, protective action is taken.

Team Members

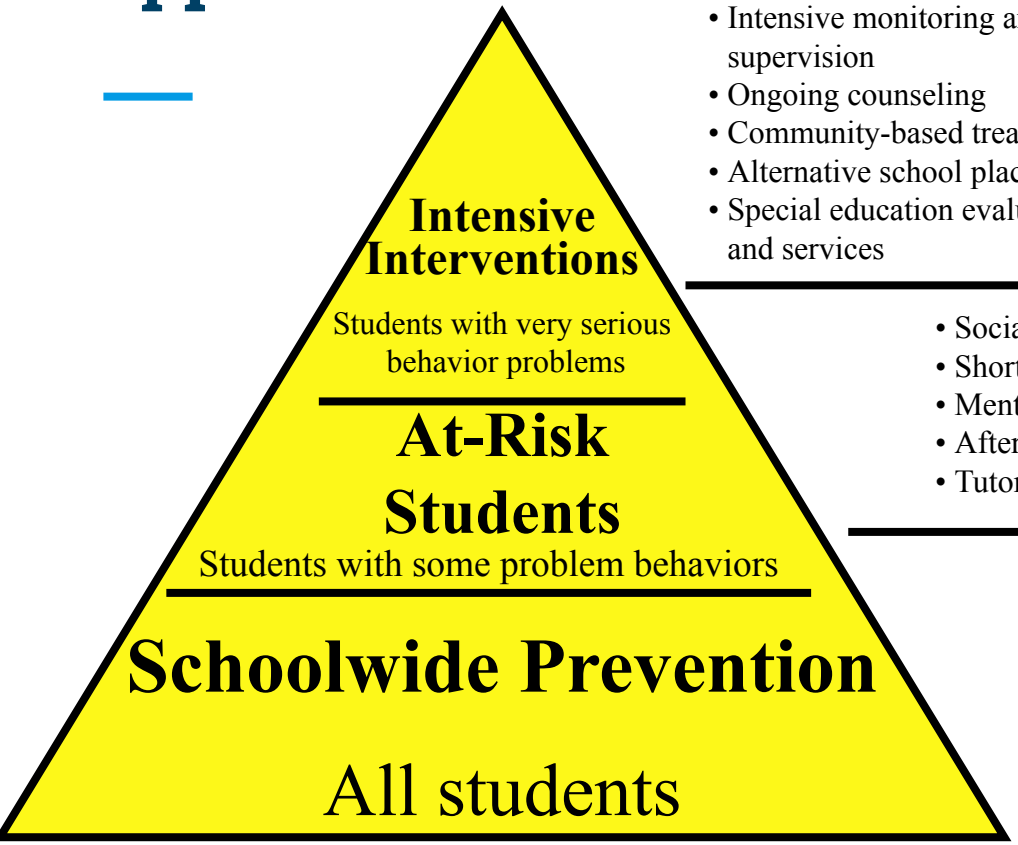
Administrator
Mental health staff
- **Counselor**
- **Psychologist**
- **Social worker**

School resource officer
Others – teacher, nurse, etc.

Two Types of Threats

Transient	Substantive
Not serious	Serious
Joke or exaggeration	Intent to harm someone
Easily resolved	Not easily resolved
No need for protective action	Protective action needed Comprehensive assessment and safety plan if very serious

Threat Assessment is part of a comprehensive approach:



- Intensive monitoring and supervision
- Ongoing counseling
- Community-based treatment
- Alternative school placement
- Special education evaluation and services

- Social skills groups
- Short-term counseling
- Mentoring
- After-school programs
- Tutoring and other academic support

- Clear and consistent discipline
- Positive behavior support system
- School security program
- Programs for bullying and teasing
- Character development curriculum
- Conflict resolution for peer disputes